. In a week I may reach Klagenfurt, fifteen post-houses from Vienna. If the Rhine is not crossed soon, we shall be unable to maintain ourselves.

25th. Are we over the Rhine yet? My movement has got to be unmasked, and the enemy will at once realize the danger. They will withdraw everything from the Rhine to concentrate on me.

£8th, Villach:

The demi-brigades are expressly forbidden to carry with them more women than the laundresses the law provides for. Every woman found with the army and not duly authorized shall be publicly whipped.

31st, Klagenfurt:

(To the Archduke Charles.) Brave soldiers wage war, but hope for peace. Has not this one now lasted six years ? Have we not killed enough people ? Europe, which had taken up arms against the French Republic, has laid them down. Is there no hope, then, of coming to terms, and must we continue to cut each other's throats ?

If the overture I have the honour of making can save the life of one single individual, I shall be more proud of the civic crown I should earn than of the sad glory that comes of military success.

April 1st. I have sent off the letter to Prince Charles. Should his reply be favourable, and the Court of Vienna